

# **Mount Cross Lutheran Church**

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### **To the Parents of Our Young Children -**

We are so glad you are here. We know how challenging it can be to get a family out the door to come to church. We hope you can relax and receive the gifts of God that are here for you today. Please don't worry about squirming children or crying babies. All are welcome here. If you feel you must leave the service with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

We want them to know they are at home in this house of worship.

### **To All Worshippers -**

The presence of those with special needs is a gift to us and the Church. Please welcome all children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. Please greet those with special needs and their families, helping them to know they are valued and accepted in our community.

**Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!**

**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m.**

## PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

### GATHERING SONG - “Rain Down” (Cortez)

As able, the assembly stands.

**Refrain**

Rain down, rain down, rain down your

1 2

love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

**Verses**

1. Faith-fu l and true is the word of our God. All of God's  
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the  
3. God of cre - a tion, we long for your truth; you are the

1. works are so wor-thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the  
2. kind-ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from  
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.  
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.  
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

to Refrain

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## **CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of God, +  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us on our pilgrimage.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
C **we confess that we have wandered far from you:**  
**we have not trusted your promises,**  
**we have ignored your prophets in our own day,**  
**we have squandered our inheritance of grace,**  
**we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**  
**Teach us to follow in your ways,**  
**assure us again of your love,**  
**and help us to love our neighbor.**  
Amen.

P Beloved in Christ, God comes near to you  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with us and teaches us how to live in love.

C **Amen.**



## **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C **And also with you.**

## KYRIE - Mass of Remembrance (Haugen)

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord:  
Final: A men.

**Refrain (all)**

Ky - ri - e      e - le - i - son,      Chris - te      e - le - i - son,  
Ky - ri - e      e - le - - i - son.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly



## FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 63 - “O God, You Are My God Alone” (Iona/RESIGNATION)

1. O God, you are my God alone, whom ea - ger - ly  
 2. Your faith - ful love sur - pass - es life, e - vok - ing all  
 3. Through - out the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord,

I seek, though long - ing fills my soul with thirst  
 my praise. Through ev - 'ry day, to bless your name,  
 to mind; in dark - est hours I med - i - tate

and leaves my bod - y weak. Just like a dry  
 my hands in joy I'll raise. My deep - est needs  
 how God, my strength, is kind. Be -neath the shad -

and bar - ren land a - waits a fresh - 'ning shower,  
 you sat - is - fy as with a sump - tuous feast.  
 ow of your wing, I live and feel se - cure;

I long with - in your house to see  
 So, on my lips and in my heart,  
 and dai - ly as I fol - low close,

your glo - ry and your pow'r.  
 your praise has nev - er ceased.  
 your right hand keeps me sure.

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Music: RESIGNATION, CMD; North American traditional

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – “Lent Gospel Acclamation” – ELW Setting 8

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

P The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

## **SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris**



As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

## SONG OF THE DAY - "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" - ELW 611

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The lyrics for this section are:

1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics for this section are:

lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."  
the liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

The third staff continues the melody. The lyrics for this section are:

I came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream;  
I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;

The fourth staff concludes the melody. The lyrics for this section are:

I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- A Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the health of our planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment; and for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. We pray for peace in our world and for those affected by violence, especially in Ukraine and Russia. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the advocacy efforts of this congregation, especially our Peace & Justice team: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing and grace, especially those on our prayer list ...

### **PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS**

**We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino** (friend of Carol Browning), **Ed and Tonna Brodie** (friends of Becky Riley), **Jackson Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter**, **Dwayla Carr** (cousin of Gayle Johnson), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **Scott Fajnor, Doria & Vladimir Fanning** (sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Linda Frantz, Melissa Henry, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Joyce Larisey** (mother of Val Starkgraf), **Paul Marigonda** (friend of Becky Riley), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Lucille Miley, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Maria Riley** (daughter-in-law of Becky Riley), **Jim Prosser, Byron Selbrede** (brother of Keith Selbrede), **Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Val Starkgraf, Chris Truchan** (friend of the Burke family), **Chris Valenzano** (grandson of Herb & Jo Holler), **Mike Waldron** (brother of Denise Sobolik).

Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks. If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please e-mail the church office at [office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com) or call 805.482.3847.

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

A God who listens, we now offer you our own prayers, either silently or aloud  
(pause) ... Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake  
of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING SONG - “All Who Are Thirsty” (Brown/Robertson) - CCLI Song**

# 2489542 (We are not permitted to print the music for this song.)

### *Verse*

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep

(We sing)

### *Chorus 1*

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

(REPEAT)

*Repeat Verse*

### *Chorus 2*

Holy Spirit come

Holy Spirit come

(REPEAT)

### *Interlude*

As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep we sing

*Chorus 1*

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Extravagant God,  
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.  
Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**



As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

P And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, mighty and merciful,  
by your promise  
you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
and you bound yourself to your people of old,  
blessing them and calling them to be a blessing to others,  
By your promise  
you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,  
grafting us into your living Vine,  
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless us to be a blessing.  
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.  
Send us to tend and cherish the earth  
and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,  
in your Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P      Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C      **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory,**  
**forever and ever.**

Amen.

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P      Here is food and drink for the journey.  
Take and be filled.

*The assembly may be seated.*



## LAMB OF GOD - “Jesus, Lamb of God” - ELW 199

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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**All are welcome at the Lord's Table.** Holy Communion will be distributed in the center aisle. Ushers will dismiss people by rows, beginning from the back of the church. Please come forward to receive the bread, and then walk to the side to receive wine or grape juice. Place your empty cup in the trays provided. Communion ministers will bring Holy Communion to those with mobility challenges (or those worshiping outside who don't wish to come inside).

### PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: “I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith.”

As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion displayed on your screen:

**I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.**

**(We pause for silent prayer).**

**Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

## COMMUNION SONGS - "Come to the Water of Life" - ACS 955

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1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for  
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for  
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for  
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love;               all who are thirst - y for love,       for mer - cy,  
 touch;              all who are thirst - y for touch,       for heal - ing,  
 truth;              all who are thirst - y for truth,       for beau - ty,  
 peace;             all who are thirst - y for peace,       for jus - tice,

3                   3

come:              come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come:              come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come:              come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come:              come to the Wa - ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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## "O Living Bread from Heaven" - ELW 542

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff uses a treble clef, the second and third staves use a bass clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The music features simple harmonic progressions with mostly quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are integrated between the staves, aligned with the corresponding musical measures.

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength-en ed with heav'n-ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A      Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C    **Amen.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

## BLESSING

P      May Christ, who calls you to take up your cross,  
give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens.  
And the blessing of God our Creator, + Redeemer  
and Giver of life be with you now and always.

C    **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG - “How Can I Keep from Singing/My Life Flows On” - ELW 763 - Verses 1, 2 & 4



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

## **DISMISSAL**

- A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III**

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Scott and Nora Fajnor in celebration of their 12th Wedding Anniversary,  
and by Becky Riley in memory of Paul True.*

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If you haven't already done so today, let us know you're watching us online -  
fill out our connection card: <https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Join us for **Fellowship in the Pavilion** after worship each Sunday!

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary or in your car** from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate.

## **The Week at a Glance**

### **TODAY, March 20**

High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.  
The High School Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m.  
Questions, contact Joe Zimmerly  
(joe@mountcross.com)

### **Monday, March 21**

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.  
The Meditation group meets on Zoom at 3:00 p.m.  
Questions, contact LaJean Wenzel.

**Lectio Divina at St Columba's, 7:00 p.m.**  
All are welcome at St. Columba's Episcopal (1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo) for Lectio Divina to reflect on the upcoming Gospels for the Sundays of Lent.

### **Tuesday, March 22**

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.  
The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and is following the Gather magazine study.

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.  
The Church Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Fellowship Committee, 7:00 p.m.  
The Fellowship Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

## Wednesday, March 23

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

Fun with Faith happens at 5:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with questions.

"Embracing an Adult Faith"  
Lenten Study, 5:00 p.m.

Our Lenten Study with St. Columba's meets at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Mount Cross Parish Life Center.

Bell Choir, 5:45 p.m.

The Bell Choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft, masked and with the doors open.

Wednesday Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday Soup Supper is at 6:00 p.m., in the Pavilion or Parish Life Center. Financial donations appreciated but not necessary.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for info.

Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome for Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary, also livestreamed.

Choir, 7:30 p.m.

The Choir rehearses in the sanctuary following Holden Evening Prayer, masked and with the doors open.

## Thursday, March 24

**Lenten Study Zoom-CANCELED**

due to lack of participation (come on Wednesday evenings).

Quilters, 2:00 p.m.

The Quilters meet at 2:00 p.m.

## Friday, March 25

Parents' Night Out, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

See the announcement below for details.

# Announcements

## Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee meets monthly to review our COVID precautions. We need worship assistants: <https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

## Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Our programs are mainly on Wednesdays. Email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with any questions.

## Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

These links are offered by the Peace & Justice Team in a spirit of goodwill to those who are seeking to learn from diverse voices and take action towards reconciliation and healing. We invite everyone to be a part of these ongoing conversations as we learn together.

## Save the Date - Juneteenth Celebration of Ventura County Exhibit and Panel

Mark your calendars for "An American Journey" Exhibit and Panel free discussion event, March 24- 26, 2022, at The Grand Salon, on the beautiful Cal State University - Channel Islands Campus (1 University Dr, Camarillo), presented by the Juneteenth Celebration of Ventura County (<https://www.juneteenthoxnard.org/>).

Registration is required, along with masks and proof of vaccination for this event on campus. Register at:

<http://bit.ly/35aeyZI>

Also plan to view the Forgotten Images Traveling Museum & Art Exhibit, a docent-guided journey of African-American experiences.

## Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: [tp://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021](http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021). The cost is \$35.00; you can take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Communion following worship. If you aren't here but would still like flowers, please let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another member to enjoy.

## More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial!

To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross.

Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at [jbrundage@mountcross.com](mailto:jbrundage@mountcross.com).

## Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

## St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project

Hope food pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice. They could also use boxes of breakfast cereal. **Please do not donate food that is expired.**

Thanks for your support.

## Worship Guidelines

Thanks be to God, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are declining in our community. Below is the updated COVID-19 guidance from our Mount Cross Re-Opening Committee. **Effective March 13, 2022:**

- For indoor worship at Mount Cross: As a caring community, **we request** that you **wear a mask if you will be singing in worship**. If you will not be singing, masks are strongly encouraged.
- In **all other indoor settings** at Mount Cross, **masks are strongly encouraged**.
- There may be situations in the life of our community where we will require masks out of concern for vulnerable people.
- When committees, groups, or individuals meet indoors, please defer to the needs of those who are immunocompromised or are at greater risk of serious illness, or those who live with them.

Thank you for the goodwill, patience, cooperation, and love for your neighbor that you have displayed throughout the pandemic.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Julie

## Mount Cross Leadership Retreat - Next Sunday, March 27

Church Council Members, Committee Chairs, and all members of Mount Cross are invited to our annual **Leadership Retreat on Sunday, March 27**, from **Noon-5:00 p.m.**, here at Mount Cross.

Please email [office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com) if you plan to attend. Thank you!

## Bowls of Hope - TODAY, March 20

### California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

Many Mansions is holding its annual **Bowls of Hope** event on **Sunday, March 20**. Join in for a fun afternoon, have gourmet soups & desserts, learn about their housing for the homeless, and enjoy crafts, a raffle, and music. For details, go to [www.manymansions.org](http://www.manymansions.org).

## Legacy Giving/Endowment Fund Requests

The Legacy Giving Team is currently soliciting requests for distributions from the Endowment Fund. Requests may be made in the areas of Missions, Education, Children & Young Adult Ministry, Worship & Music, as well as Capital Projects. All applications must include the simple one-page form which will be available in the office by March 15. College scholarship applicants should work with Joe on an appropriate essay and materials to submit.

The Legacy Giving Team will consider all requests and submit recommendations to the Church Council for funding. Provide funding requests to the Church Office ([office@mountcross.com](mailto:office@mountcross.com)) by April 30, 2022. Please contact Tracy Blois ([tracy.allyson@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.allyson@gmail.com), 619.277.2059) or Brian Fisher with any questions.



**Parents' Night Out** is back! Join us **Friday, March 25**, from **6:00 -10:00 p.m.** for a night of fun with pizza, games, and a movie. Kids must be 4 years or older to attend. There is a suggested donation of \$20 per child or \$50 per family of 3 or more. Contact Joe for more information. **Sign up** using this link: <https://signup.com/go/cxbKeNQ>

### **Amazing Creation Care Opportunity!**

Help increase biodiversity, combat climate change, and connect to nature by volunteering with Channel Islands Restoration (CIR). They need help this month mapping the native plants in Santa Barbara's San Marcos Foothills West Mesa.

The address is Salvar Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Here is the link to sign up: <https://cirweb.org/map-native-plants>.

For more information, contact Rachel Zook, 805-331-3442.



### **Lutheran World Relief - Aid to Ukraine Matching Donations**

Thanks to the generosity of Nelsonville Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church in Amherst, WI, all **congregational gifts given through Lutheran World Relief will be doubled** – up to \$258,000!

Your love will provide food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees impacted by the Ukraine crisis. Lutheran World Relief expects that their initial response will also include supporting critical health needs through the provision of medical supplies or support for emergency medical services. And thanks to the generosity of Lutheran congregations across the country, LWR will be air-lifting Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits already pre-positioned in their Dubai warehouse. These urgently needed supplies will reach Ukrainian families who have fled for safety.

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at [lwr.org/match](https://lwr.org/match) or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061.

Please write "Ukraine Match" in the memo line.

### **Thrivent Choice Deadline for Directing Funds**

The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program engages Thrivent clients and Thrivent Member Networks by providing grants to support their favorite churches, nonprofit organizations and causes. The deadline for ThriventChoice members to direct **2021 Choice Dollars®** is **March 31, 2022**, designating Mount Cross (or another charitable organization) to receive your Choice Dollars donation.

## **Mount Cross CDC Scholarship Fund**

As a Christian preschool, part of the Child Development Center's mission is to bring education to all who seek it. In honor of our former and founding director, a scholarship fund has been established in Cathy Channels' name. By making a donation to the Cathy Channels scholarship Fund, you can help ensure that our preschool is open to all families in our community.

To donate, put a check in the Offering receptacle or mail it to the office, with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo field. Or you can donate [online](#) on our website, again, designating your gift for the "Scholarship Fund."

## **Church Work Day - Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m.-Noon**

All hands on deck! Help us maintain our beautiful church and get to know other church members even better. **A Church Work Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon.**

Projects will include: raking and cleaning the junipers, spreading mulch, weeding the property, sweeping the gutters, sanding/painting the sacristy door, cleaning the kitchen, and polishing the brass and woodwork in the church. Please bring your rakes, hoes, shovels, rags, and work gloves.

There is a lot to do and many hands make the work go much faster (it's more fun too!). Come for any part of the morning; no need to sign up in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact Cy Johnson at [clopsj@gmail.com](mailto:clopsj@gmail.com) or 805-388-3293.

*Let's come and serve the Lord together as one in a body-wide expression of gratitude for these grounds and this facility that He has given to us.*

## **Easter Lilies - Sign Up to Donate**

Easter is Sunday, April 17, and we want to be sure our worship environment reflects the joy of the celebration with beautiful pastel calla lilies as part of our decor. If you would like to **dedicate a calla lily** in honor or memory of a loved one (or for some other dedication), we have a SignUp form online: <https://bit.ly/EasterLilies2022>.

The lilies are \$8 and can be paid online or by check (marked for "Easter lily"). Please sign up **by April 4**.

## **Helping Hands Ministry ... Additional Coordinator(s) Needed!**

Helping Hands is the **Mount Cross service group** that assists by arranging and serving at memorial/funeral receptions held at Mount Cross. Help is currently needed in the role of coordination. We currently are in **need of one or two additional co-coordinators for this ministry to continue**. If you are interested in more information on serving as a co-coordinator for this important ministry, please contact Marilyn Gardner at 805-368-0554 or [momgardner\\_722@msn.com](mailto:momgardner_722@msn.com).